Zoning Public Hearing CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: Z-4 AGENDA DATE: Thu 02/12/2004

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SUBJECT: C14H-03-0014 - R.L. White House. Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 1503 Lorrain Street from multi-family residence medium density (MF-3) district to multi-family residence medium density-historic (MF-3-H) combining district. Historic Landmark Commission Recommendation: To grant multi-family residence medium density-historic (MF-3-H) combining district. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation: To grant multi-family residence medium density-historic (MF-3-H) combining district. Applicant: Will and Amy Hornaday (owners). City Staff: Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Office, Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department, 974-6454.

REQUESTING Transportation, Planning **DIRECTOR'S**

DEPARTMENT: and Sustainability **AUTHORIZATION:** Austan Librach

RCA Serial#: 3883 Date: 02/12/04 Original: Yes Published: Fri 02/06/2004

Disposition: Adjusted version published:

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE NUMBER: C14H-03-0014

HLC DATE: July 28, 2003

August 4, 2003

ZAP DATE: September 9, 2003

November 18, 2003 January 6, 2004

AREA: 12,837 square feet

APPLICANT: Will and Amy Hornaday

AGENT: NA

HISTORIC NAME: R.L. White House

WATERSHED: Shoal Creek

ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE: 1503 Lorrain Street

ZONING FROM: MF-3

ZONING TO: MF-3-H

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from MF-3, Multi-family residence district, to MF-3-H, Multi-family residence-historic combining district zoning, based upon Historic Landmark Designation Criteria 1, 2, 6, 7, and 11.

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended a zoning change from MF-3, Multi-family residence district, to MF-3-H, Multi-family residence – historic combining district zoning, based upon Historic Landmark Designation Criteria 1, 2, 6, 7, and 11.

ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION ACTION: Postponed by Commission to November 18, 2003. November 18, 2003: Postponed to January 6, 2004 by Commission. January 6, 2004: Recommended a zoning change from MF-3, Multi-family residence district, to MF-3-H, Multi-family residence-historic combining district zoning, by consent. Vote: 9-0.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The house contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District, approved by the Texas State Board of Review in May, 2003.

<u>CITY COUNCIL DATE</u>: February 12, 2004 <u>ACTION</u>:

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1ST 2ND 3RD **ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

CASE MANAGER: Steve Sadowsky PHONE: 974-6454

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:

Old Enfield Homeowners' Association

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The house meets historic landmark designation criteria 1, 2, 6, 7, and 11:

(1) Character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City of Austin, State of Texas, or the United States.

The R. L. White House was constructed by the Enfield Realty and Home Building Company in 1922, probably as a spec house. Companies such as the Enfield Realty and Home Building Company built houses on lots they owned, then sold the lot and completed house to a prospective homebuyer, rather than selling the lot to the purchaser and allowing the new owner to build his or her house on it. Enfield was typical of 1920s subdivisions in that it was designed to be exclusively residential, a popular trend in the 1920s in reaction to earlier suburbs, which allowed an intermingling of houses and businesses. Houses such as the R.L. White House contained deed restrictions regulating the size, materials, and cost of the house, the location of any outbuildings, and a prohibition against any but a residential use of the property. The R.L. White House represents the general trend of the 1920s towards exclusive residential suburbs in Austin.

(2) Recognition as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, a National Historic landmark, or entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

The R.L. White house is a contributing property to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District, approved by the State Board of Review in May, 2003.

(6) Relationship to other distinctive buildings, sites or areas which are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on architectural, historical or cultural motif.

See No. 2 above. Additionally, the house was the home of noted Austin architect R.L. White, whose work includes the Central Christian Church (listed in the National Register of Historic Places), the Texas Union and Hogg Auditorium on the University of Texas campus, and the University Christian Church in Austin.

(7) Portrayal of the environment of a group of people in an area of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

The R.L. White House represents an excellent example of middle class housing in Austin in the 1920s. Built in Enfield, a middle-class suburb of Austin, the R.L. White House is on a large lot and typifies the lifestyle of the middle class in the 1920s with its Craftsman-style design, spacious floorplan, and landscaping.

(11) Identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the city, state, or United States.

R.L. White (1898-1964) was a noted architect in Austin. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1921 with a degree in architecture, and received his Master's degree in architecture from UT in 1930. From 1923 until his death in 1964, he taught architecture at UT, and was the first supervising architect at UT. He designed the Texas Union and Hogg Auditorium in 1933, and was supervising architect on the UT Main Building and Tower in 1937. Private commissions in the city include the Central Christian Church (listed in the National Register of Historic Places) (1928), and the University Christian Church (1954), both on Guadalupe Street. He also designed the Masonic Grand Lodge Temple in Waco (1948); he was awarded the first Gold Medal of the Texas Society of Architects in 1950 for his design.

R.L. White bought the house at 1503 Lorrain Street in 1936. He added the porte-cochere to the side of the house and a sun porch over the kitchen. He enclosed the open veranda and installed metal jalousies around the screened sleeping porch. White also installed the brick-walled limestone patio at the rear of the house. The patio contains brick from the Old Main Building at

UT and the limestone floor was ordered at the same time as the materials for the UT Tower. Tile identical to that in the Tower stairwells is in the bathroom added by White.

R.L. White lived here from 1936 until his death in 1964. The house remained in the family until 2003, when it was sold to the present owners.

PARCEL NO.: 01100102080000 **DEED RECORD:** Docket No. 2003088629

ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT: \$5,656 (owner-occupied rate)

APPRAISED VALUE: \$475,356

PRESENT USE: Residential

CONSTRUCTION/DESCRIPTION: Two-story irregular-plan hipped-roof with a front gable frame house with Craftsman-style influence. The house contains a porte-cochere on the left side of the central block and a sleeping porch on the second story. Fenestration consists of single and triple 3:3 Craftsman-style wood-frame windows.

CONDITION: Excellent

PRESENT OWNERSADDRESSTELEPHONEWill and Amy Hornaday1503 Lorrain, 78703477-8981

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DATE BUILT: ca. 1922

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS: Two-story addition added by R.L. White (1937).

ORIGINAL OWNER(S): Enfield Realty and Home Building Company (1922)

OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:

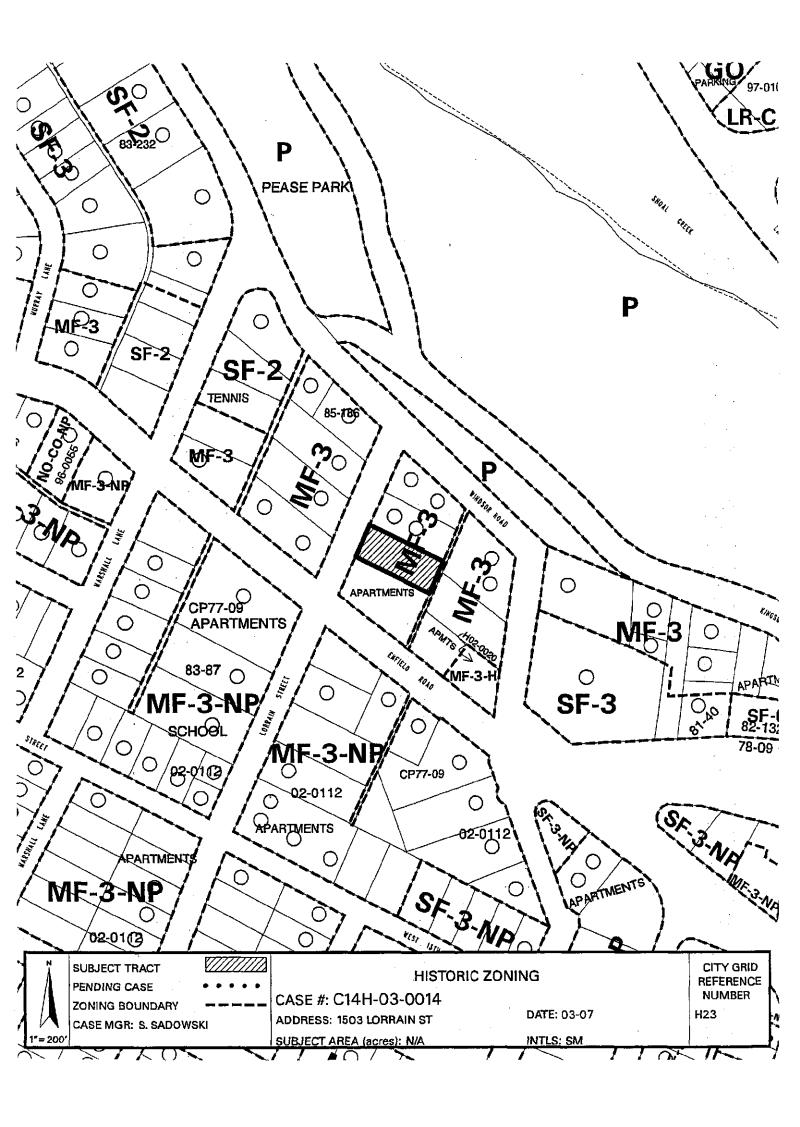
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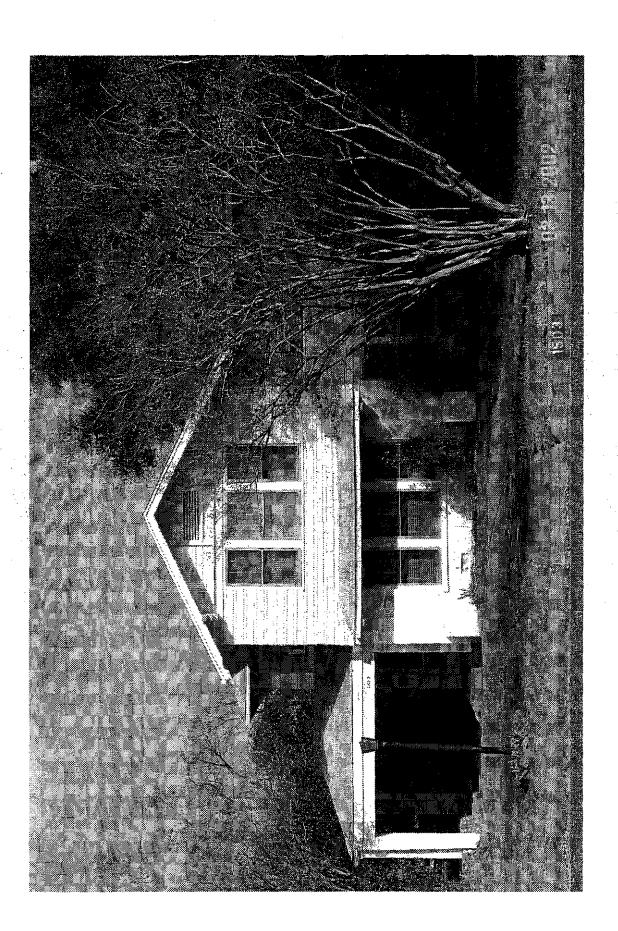
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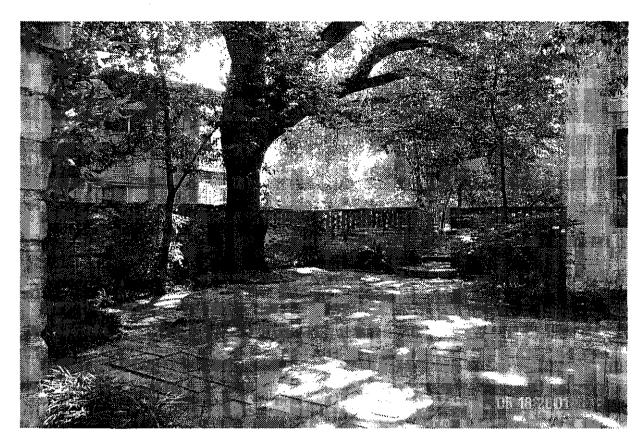
RECORDED TEXAS LANDMARK: No

NATIONAL LANDMARK: No

LOCAL SURVEYS: Yes, Priority 2 in Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).







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Revised June 30, 2002

D. SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

SUBMITTAL VERICATION

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that proper City staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc., may delay the proper review of this application.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.
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Signature Date
Amy Hernaday & Will Hernaday Name (Typed or Printed)
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INSPECTION AUTHORIZATION

As owner or authorized agent, my signature authorizes staff to visit and inspect the property for which this application is being submitted.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNAT INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE. Signature	
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E. ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

concerning Subdivision Plat Notes, Deed Restrictions, Restrictive Covenants and / or Zoning Conditional Overlays

I, Amy : WIII Hornaday have checked for subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, (Print name of applicant)
restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays prohibiting certain uses and/or requiring certain development restrictions i.e. height, access, screening etc. on this property, located at
1503 Lorrain St. Austin, TX 78703 (Address or Legal Description)
If a conflict should result with the request I am submitting to the City of Austin due to subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays it will be my responsibility to resolve it. I also acknowledge that I understand the implications of use and/or development restrictions that are a result of a subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlays.
I understand that if requested, I must provide copies of any and all subdivision plat notes, deed restrictions, restrictive covenants and/or zoning conditional overlay information which may apply to this property.
(Applicant's signature) (Date)

History Of Ownership

for

R. L. White House 1503 Lorrain Street, Austin, Texas

LOT 6 DIVISION "Z"

Republic of Texas Land Grant to Joseph Moreland; 13 November 1840. Recorded in General Land Office, State of Texas

LOT 6 DIVISION "Z"

Joseph Moreland to John S. Spence (for \$3.25); 27 July 1852 .

Sold in public sale for non payment of taxes.

Recorded In Book "H" p. 158-159, Travis County

LOT 6 DIVISION "Z"

John S. Spence back to Joseph Moreland (for \$38.48); 27 April 1855. Recorded In Book "I" p. 469, Travis County

LOT 6 DIVISION "Z"

Joseph Moreland to E.M. Pease (for \$2,000); 5 Decmber 1855. Recorded In Book "K" p. 114, Travis County

LOT 6 DIVISION "Z"-Subdivided to "Enfield A"

E.M. Pease to W. Murray Graham; 10 May 1916.

R. Niles Graham & W. Murray Graham to become Enfield Realty & Homebuliding. Recorded In Book "272" pp. 83-85, Travis County

"Enfield A" portions of lots 13 & 14

Enfield Realty & Homebuliding to W. R. Ramsey (for \$1,000 cash and \$7500 credit); 1 September 1920. Recorded In Book "335" pp. 83-86, Travis County

"Enfield A" portions of lots 13 & 14

W. R. Ramsey to A.V. Riley (for \$1,000 cash and \$7,500 credit); 25 April 1922. Recorded In Book "335" pp. 383-385, Travis County

"Enfield A" portions of lots 13 & 14

A.V. Riley to J.S. Durham; 27 September 1928.

Recorded In Book "424" pp. 545-548, Travis County

"Enfield A" portions of lots 13 & 14

J.S. Durham to Robert Leon White (for \$6,250); 16 November 1936.

Over the next 67 years four genrations of family members lived at 1503 Lorrain Street.

Recorded In Vol "551" pp. 360-362, Travis County

"Enfield A" portions of lots 13 & 14

Sold to Will & Amy Hornaday; 14 April 2003. (for \$515,000)

We bought the home from R. L. White's daughters Elaine & Sybil White Recorded In Vol "551" pp. 360, Travis County

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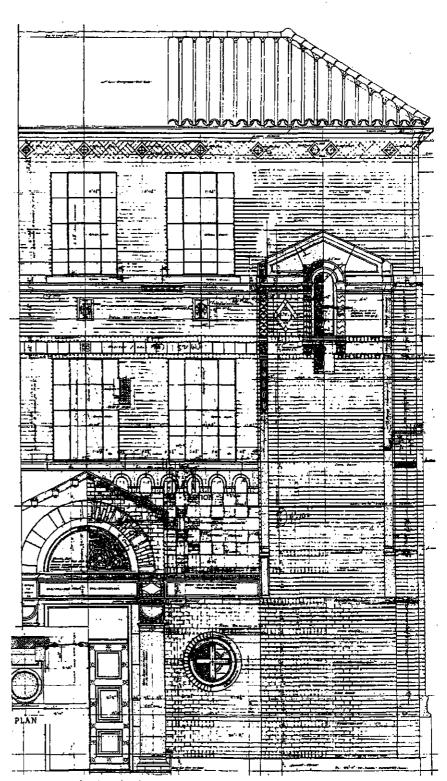
1303 E. 7th Street Austin, Texas 78702

Robert Leon White was born near Cooper in Delta County. He attended classes at North Texas State Normal School, Denton, in 1917, and entered the University of Texas in 1918. He received his bachelor's degree in architecture in 1921 and his master's in architecture in 1930. White served in the US Army during World War I, earning the rank of second lieutenant.

During his architectural apprenticeship period he worked in San Antonio as a drafting teacher at Main Avenue High School and as a draftsman for architect Ralph H. Cameron and for the firm Phelps and Dewees. In 1923 White became an instructor in architecture at UT where he taught successively as adjunct professor, associate professor and professor of architecture until his death.

From 1926 to 1934 and 1937 to 1958 as supervising architect at the University of Texas, White was influential in determining the overall scope of campus architecture. From 1934 to 1937 White took a leave of absence from UT. During this period he was associated with noted East Texas restoration architect Raiford Stripling. In 1934 he was president of the Hill Country Chapter American Institute of Architects.

Prominent among his architectural accomplishments were the designs of Central Christian Church (1928) at 1110 Guadalupe; the Texas Union (1933) and Hogg Auditorium (1933), with Paul Philippe Cret, both on the UT campus; and the University Christian Church (1954) at 2007 University Avenue.



133. Central Christian Church (1928) Robert Leon White, Ralph Cameron, and Samuel C.P. Vosper

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WHITE, ROBERT LEON (1898-1964). Robert Leon White, architect, was born near Cooper, Texas, in Delta County on August 27, 1898. He attended classes at North Texas State Normal School in Denton in 1917 and subsequently served in the United States Army during World War 1,9v earning the rank of second lieutenant. In 1918 he entered the University of Texas, where he received his bachelor's degree in architecture in 1921. After graduation, White worked in San Antonio as a drafting teacher at the Main Avenue High School and as a draftsman for Ralph H. Cameron^{qv} and for the firm of Phelps and Dewees. In the fall of 1923 he became an adjunct professor at the University of Texas where he taught until his death. He was promoted the following year to associate professor and superintendent of construction for the university at the time the school was beginning to use funds from its oilfields to construct new buildings. In 1925 White became an ex officio member of the faculty building committee, a position he held for the next thirty years. The following year he was also appointed supervising architect for the university, a position he held until 1958. During his years as supervising architect, White directed the planning and development of the university's ambitious building program. In 1930 White received his master's degree from the University of Texas with a thesis on the San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Mission in San Antonio. His design for the Texas Union building on the campus reveals his continuing interest in Spanish Colonial architecture. White was also the principal designer for Hogg Auditorium and served as Paul Phillipe Cret'sqv associate and supervising architect for the Main Building, the Tower, and the many other buildings that Cret designed for the campus in the 1930s and 1940s. In addition to his work at the university, White designed the Central Christian Church of Austin (1928), and in Galveston he was the architect for the outpatient building at the John Sealy Hospitalqv (1931-32), the Rebecca Sealy Nurses Residence (1933), and the Crippled Children's Hospital (1937). From 1934 to 1937 White took a leave of absence from UT. During these

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Hank Todd Smith, ed., Austin, Its Architects and Architecture (Austin Chapter, American Institute of Architects, 1986). Robert Leon White Papers, Architecture Drawings Collection, University of Texas at Austin. Roxanne Williamson, Austin, Texas: An American Architectural History (San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 1973).

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(1938) and the University Christian Church in Austin (1954). He received the first Gold Medal of the Texas Society of Architects in 1950 for his Masonic Grand Lodge Temple in Waco (1948). He was married to Viola Barker, with whom he had two children. He died in Austin on July

Roxanne Williamson

28, 1964.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT





Far left: Brick on this home was recycled from UT's Old Main building. Left: Old Main in the 1890s. Below: The courtyard is paved with limestone like that used in the UT Tower.

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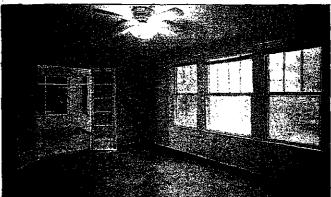
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Above: The White family's initial on the fireplace screen. Right: Bathrooms have their original tile. Far right: The master bedroom and its sleeping porch.





UT architect's home contains traces of his occupation

What: A three-bedroom, three-bathroom house built in 1922 with more than 2,900 square feet and an exterior limestone courtyard.

Where: 1503 Lorrain St. in Central Austin's Enfield neighborhood.

Amenities: Hardwood floors, first-floor sun room, screened porch upstairs, balcony, detached two-car garage with one-bedroom apartment, workshop, original tile in bathrooms, study with knotty pine shelves and cabinets, built-in breakfast nook, covered driveway.

Asking price: \$580,000

Agent: Julie Nelson, Keller Williams Realty

FYI: When Robert Leon White and his wife, Viola, decided to build a courtyard on the side of their home, it was only natural that they'd look toward the University of Texas for inspiration. White, who was the supervising architect for the

UT Tower construction project in the 1930s, knew where to go for top-notch materials.

"When he ordered the stone for the Tower, he ordered some extra," said Fran Hargrove, one of the White's grandchildren. "My mother swears up and down that he paid for every red cent of that."

While the courtyard floor is paved with the famous limestone, the walls are made of bricks salvaged from Old Main, a Gothic-style building that had been the architectural focal point of the campus until its demolition in 1934.

After the Whites bought this house in 1936 for \$6,250, four subsequent generations of family members lived there.

From the covered porch, the front door opens into a large reception area, which connects with a formalliving room and dining room. The first floor also includes a kitchen, sun room, bathroom and study with custom storage cabinets designed to

hold-White's collection of building blueprints.

Three bedrooms and two bathrooms are upstairs. The master bedroom has access to a screened porch and includes a built-in desk and shelves. A rooftop balcony on this level offers views of downtown.

The Market: The Austin Association of Realtors lists this house in Area 1B, which is bordered by Town Lake, North Lamar Boulevard and Koenig Lane. During the past week, there were about 318 houses for sale in this area.

Those homes ranged from a \$3 million lakefront estate with 3,524 square feet of space to an \$87,500 one-bedroom, one-bathroom house with 509 square feet. Houses in 1B sold for an average of \$375,764 last year and stayed on the market for 60 days, according to the association.

- Diana Dworin, special to the American-Statesman

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AN ORDINANCE REZONING AND CHAPPOPERTY GENERALLY KNOWN AS TO 1503 LORRAIN STREET FROM MUDENSITY (MF-3) DISTRICT TO MUDENSITY-HISTORIC (MF-3-H) COMBINITY	HE R.L.WHITE HOUSE LOCATED AT LTIFAMILY RESIDENCE MEDIUM LTIFAMILY RESIDENCE MEDIUM
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY CO	UNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
PART 1. The zoning map established by Sectic change the base district from multifamily residence medium density-histor property described in Zoning Case No.C14 Planning and Zoning Department, as follows: A tract of land out of Lots 13 and 14, En City of Austin, Travis County, the tract of the county of the c	sidence medium density (MF-3) district to ric (MF-3-H) combining district on the H-03-0014, on file at the Neighborhood field A Subdivision, a subdivision in the fland being more particularly described
by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" incorp	porated into this ordinance,
generally known as the R.L White House, local of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and generall "B".	•
PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on	, 2004.
PASSED AND APPROVED	
	Will Wynn Mayor
APPROVED: AT	TEST:

Shirley A. Brown

City Clerk

COA Law Department

David Allan Smith

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City Attorney

Draft: 2/2/2004

